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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventors: Andreas Manz, D. Jed Harrison, Carlo S. Effenhauser, and entitled: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SAMPLE INTRODUCTION IN MICROCOLUMN SEPARATION TECHNIQUES AND SAMPLING DEVICE**

1. Enclosed are:

- One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp.
- Certificate of Express Mail.
- Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent application 08/226,605 filed 04/12/94.
- One utility patent application containing text pages 1-15 and
 - 2 Sheets of drawings.
- A Preliminary Amendment.

2. Amendment

- Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee. It is understood that only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered for this purpose.
- Please cancel original claims 1-18, inclusive, before calculating the filing fee.

3. Extension of Time

- Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing *if* required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

4. U.S. Priority

- This application is a continuation of Ser. No. 09/657,772 filed 09/08/00, now pending, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 08/226,605 filed 04/12/94, now U.S. Patent No. 6,280,589, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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5. Foreign Priority

- Priority of Application No. DE 93 810 272.0 filed in Germany on 15 April 1993, published as EP 0 620 432 A1, is claimed under 35 USC §119.
- A certified copy of this priority document is enclosed.

6. Entity Status

- Large entity status applies to this application.

7. Fees

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